



Embassy of the United States of America Belmopan

Emergency Message

Information for Travelers and Residents

U.S. Embassy Belmopan, Belize

August 26, 2016

Protests Around Embassy and National Assembly Buildings

The U.S. Embassy advises all U.S. citizens to avoid the areas surrounding the National Assembly Building, Market Square, Government of Belize offices and the U.S. Embassy on Friday, August 26 from 1200-1700.

The Poor People Organization for Healthy and Righteous Society (PPOHRS) will hold the protest and demonstration today as a result of the ruling passed by the Chief Justice in the Supreme Court regarding Section 53 and other national issues.

Even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and escalate into violence. You should avoid areas of demonstrations, and exercise caution if in the vicinity of any large gatherings, protests, or demonstrations.

Review your personal security plans; remain aware of your surroundings, including local events; and monitor local news stations for updates. Maintain a high level of vigilance and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security and follow instructions of local authorities.

The police are expected to staff a check point at the junction of the Western Highway and the Hummingbird Highway. The police will maintain a high presence in Belmopan and will escort the protest.

For any emergencies involving U.S. citizens, please contact the American Citizens Services (ACS) Unit in the U.S. Embassy at ACSBelize@state.gov or by calling 501-822-4011.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Belize Country Specific Information](#).





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- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
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- Call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).
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